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Erste Wiener Walzmühle

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1. Officials of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice believe that the Soviet authorities are planning to take over the management of the Erste Wiener Walzmühle sometime during October 1947. This concern, which formerly belonged to the Schoeller Kommandit Gesellschaft, is said to be the largest flour-milling establishment in Austria. Plants of the company are located at Handelskai 129 and in Schwechat, both in the Soviet sector of Vienna.
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2. On 20 September 1947, a Soviet official asked the Ministry of Justice for the dossier on the Walzmühle. The section chief concerned examined the dossier before handing it over and noted that Schoeller, the former owner, had been a prominent Nazi and that a large amount of German capital had been invested in his concern.

Glasfabrik Oberdorf-Voitsberg Adolf Korbitz

3. On 10 September 1947, the Russians took over the local branch of the Glasfabrik Oberdorf-Voitsberg Adolf Korbitz, Margaretenstrasse 23, Vienna IV, claiming it as German property. They support their claim by the fact that Korbitz and Abel, partners in the firm, were Czechoslovak and Yugoslav citizens respectively, and that after the occupation of the Sudetenland and Lower Styria they became German citizens and were still German citizens in the spring of 1945. Korbitz has in the meantime become an Austrian citizen.
4. The branch seized is the warehouse and sales office in the firm at Radtenbacher-gasse 16-18, Vienna XVI, where blown-glass articles are stored and sold. The Russians demanded an inventory and forbade further sales.
5. Because the firm protested the seizure through its attorney, Dr. Julius Jeanece, Pestalozziggasse 3, Vienna I, the Russians demanded proof that the above-named persons were not German citizens.
6. From an economic point of view, the seizure is not extremely significant because the concern supplying the seized firm with blown-glass articles will not make

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further deliveries. In view of the critical shortage of blown-glass articles (laboratory glass, ampoules, etc.), however, it would be unfortunate for the Austrian economy if the Russians were to obtain control of the goods in the warehouse.

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